

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

2. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 19, wherein the decorative surface comprises a decorative cover, and the first wall panel further comprises a magnetically attractable layer disposed on one side of the support beneath the cover.

3. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 19, wherein the base and wall sections are each rectangular, and the first and second wall sections are [is] mounted along [one] two adjoining edges of the base [section].

4. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 19[3], wherein the first wall section comprises two parallel, spaced, upright posts, each post having a longitudinal groove for slidably [slidable] receiving the wall panel therein.

5. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 4, wherein the base includes a groove in alignment with the longitudinal grooves in the posts and spanning the posts for receiving a lower edge of the first wall panel therein.

6. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 19, wherein the first wall section comprises an open rectangular frame having a pair of parallel posts mounted at two adjacent corners of the base and a beam spanning upper ends of each post, each post having a longitudinal, inwardly facing groove for slidably receiving the wall panel therein, and the beam having a slot therethrough in alignment with the grooves in the posts, which slot comprises the opening in the frame for inserting the wall panel.

7. (currently amended) The display system of Claim 3, wherein the frame comprises [four] three wall sections which include four posts mounted at four corners of the base and four upper beams spanning the four posts, wherein at least three wall sections comprise an open rectangular frame defined by:

a pair of parallel posts mounted at two adjacent corners of the base with one of the beams spanning upper ends of the pair of posts, each post of the pair having a longitudinal, inwardly facing groove for slidably receiving the wall panel therein, and the beam having a slot therethrough in alignment with the grooves in the posts, which slot comprises the opening in the frame for inserting the wall panel.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The display system of Claim 2, further comprising one or more magnetically attractable decorations, wherein at least one of the decorations and the magnetically attractable layer of the wall panel comprises a magnetic material.

10. (previously presented) An interchangeable panel display system, comprising:
a frame including a base and a wall section comprising an open rectangular frame having a pair of parallel posts mounted at two adjacent corners of the base, each post having a longitudinal, inwardly facing groove and a beam spanning upper ends of each post, the beam having a slot therethrough; and

wherein at least one wall panel is removably received in the grooves on the frame through the slot, the wall panel comprising a support, a decorative cover disposed on at least one side of the support, and a magnetically attractable layer disposed on the one side of the support beneath the cover layer.

11. (original) The display system of Claim 10, further comprising one or more magnetically attractable decorations, wherein at least one of the decorations and the magnetically attractable layer of the wall panel comprises a magnetic material.

12. (currently amended) An interchangeable panel display kit usable to make an interchangeable panel modular display system, which display system includes a frame including a base and at least one wall section positionable in an upright position when the base is placed horizontally on a surface, which wall section has at least one groove [grooves] for slidably receiving a wall panel therein for display in an upright position and an opening for inserting a wall panel into the groove [grooves] and for removing the wall panel from the groove [grooves], and at least one wall panel slidably insertable into the groove [grooves] of the wall section, the wall panel comprising a support and a decorative surface disposed on at least one side of the support, which decorative surface has a design thereon that corresponds to a miniature environment that the interchangeable display system simulates, wherein the kit comprises:

at least one frame; and

a plurality of interchangeable wall panels having a variety of decorative surface designs so that the appearance of the display system can be changed by removal and replacement of the wall panels in the groove, wherein the wall panels include subsets of two or more panels, the panels of each subset having matching or coordinated decorative covers, and each subset depicting a different miniature environment.

13. (canceled)

14. (original) A method of using an interchangeable panel modular display system, which display system includes a frame having a base and means for supporting a wall panel in an upright position when the base is placed horizontally on a surface, which means permits insertion and removal of wall panels, and a plurality of wall panels removably mountable on the frame, each wall panel comprising a support and a decorative surface disposed on at least one side of the support, and a plurality of decorations, which method comprises the steps of:

positioning the base on a horizontal surface;

mounting one or more first wall panels on the frame so that the wall panels stand upright with the decorative surfaces facing inwardly;

placing decorations in positions on or near the wall panels to form a first scene;

removing the first wall panels from the frame;
mounting one or more second wall panels on the frame so that the wall panels stand upright with the decorative surfaces facing inwardly, wherein the second wall panels have different decorative surfaces than the first wall panels; and
repositioning decorations to create a second scene different from the first scene.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the first wall panels have decorative surfaces on opposite faces thereof, and the second wall panels comprise the first wall panels disposed in a reversed position.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the first wall panels and second wall panels are physically separate from one another.

17. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein at least one of each of the first and second wall panels comprises a support, a decorative cover disposed on at least one side of the support, and a magnetically attractable layer disposed on the one side of the support beneath the cover layer, and one or more of the decorations are magnetically attractable, wherein at least one of the decorations and the magnetically attractable layer of the wall panel comprises a magnetic material, such that the steps of placing and repositioning decorations further comprise mounting one or decorations on covers of the wall panels by means of magnetic attraction.

18. (previously presented) The kit of Claim 12, wherein the decorative surface designs each comprise miniature interior building decor.

19. (currently amended) An interchangeable panel display system, comprising:
a frame including a base, a first wall section positionable in an upright position when the base is placed horizontally on a surface, which first wall section has at least one groove for slidably receiving a wall panel therein for display in an upright position [has grooves for slidably receiving a wall panel therein] and an opening for inserting a wall panel into the [grooves] groove and for removing the wall panel from the [grooves] groove, and a second wall section positionable in an upright position when the base is placed horizontally on a surface, which second wall section has at least one groove [grooves] for slidably receiving a wall panel therein for display in an upright position and an opening for inserting a wall panel into the groove [grooves] and for removing the wall panel from the groove [grooves]; [and]
a first wall panel slidably insertable into and removable from the groove [grooves] of the first wall section, the first wall panel comprising a support having a first decorative surface disposed on at least one side of the support, which first decorative surface has a first design thereon; and
a second wall panel slidably insertable into and removable from the groove [grooves] of the second wall section, the second wall panel comprising a support having a second decorative surface disposed on at least one side of the support, which second decorative surface has a second design thereon that is different from the first design, wherein the first and second designs cooperate to depict a predetermined miniature environment.

20. (previously presented) The display system of Claim 19, wherein the predetermined miniature environment comprises miniature interior building decor.

21. (previously presented) The display system of Claim 20, wherein the first and second wall panels simulate in miniature adjacent walls of an interior room.

22. (previously presented) An interchangeable panel display system, comprising:
a frame including four wall sections which include four posts mounted at four corners of the base and four upper beams spanning the four posts, wherein at least three wall sections comprise an open rectangular frame defined by:
a pair of parallel posts mounted at two adjacent corners of the base with one of the beams spanning upper ends of the pair of posts, each post of the pair having a longitudinal, inwardly facing groove for slidably receiving the wall panel therein, and the beam having a slot therethrough in alignment with the grooves in the posts, which slot comprises the opening in the frame for inserting a wall panel;
a base, the base comprising four lower beams spanning the four posts at lower end portions thereof and a base panel disposed on the lower beams, and
at least one wall panel slidably insertable into and removable from the grooves of a wall section, the wall panel comprising a support including a decorative cover and magnetically attractable layer disposed on one side of the support beneath the cover.
23. (currently amended) The kit of Claim 12, wherein one or more of the decorative surface designs are selected from a wallpaper pattern, a mural, and outdoor scenery.
24. (currently amended) The kit of Claim 18, wherein one or more of the decorative surface designs include a miniature representation of an object comprising interior decor.
25. (previously presented) The kit of claim 24, wherein the object is selected from a door, window, painting or shelf.
26. (previously presented) The display system of claim 19, wherein the predetermined miniature environment comprises outdoor scenery.
27. (currently amended) The display system of claim 20, wherein one of the first and second designs includes a miniature representation of [an] a wall-mounted object.

28. (previously presented) The display system of claim 27, wherein the object is selected from a door, window, painting or shelf.